

Benefit of SEZ to small and village industries

2721. DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the small scale industries are eligible to get the benefit of Special Economic Zones;

(b) if so, the details of the industries covered in the SEZ; and

(c.) if not, whether Government contemplate such SEZ for the small scale industries especially village industries to be benefited in exclusive export-concessions to enrich the artisans and villagers such as self help groups?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) The incentives and benefits offered in the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) set up under the SEZ Act, 2005 and the SEZ Rules, 2006 are available to various classes of industries, including the small scale industries (SSIs).

(c) SEZs are encouraged to be set up by private sector entities, directly or in association with the State Governments concerned in the joint sector or by the State Governments and their agencies. The Central Government does not set up any new SEZ under the above mentioned Act and Rules.

Exhibition organised by NSIC

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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details along with locations of the exhibitions organised by NSIC for the export promotion during last three years, year-wise;

(b) the details of the assessment of the impact of such exhibitions made and on which criteria such an assessment was made;

(c) whether any database of foreign customers was developed after each of such exhibitions;

(d) if so, the details of number of foreign customers that visited exhibitions and the volume of export orders; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) Details including countries/locations, of exhibitions organised by the National Small Industries Corporation Ltd. (NSIC) for export promotion during the last three years and current year are as under:

Details of exhibition	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07 (upto Nov., 2006)
Domestic	New Delhi	New Delhi	New Delhi	New Delhi
International	U.K.	USA	Mauritius	Rwanda
	Germany	Italy	UK	Sri Lanka
	Mozambique	South Africa	Germany	Mauritius
	South Africa	Belgium	UAE	South Africa
		UAE		Mexico

(b) Impact of the exhibitions is assessed on the basis of standard criteria like visitor turn-out, business enquiries generated and the interest shown by the exhibitors to participate in future exhibitions.

(c) NSIC does not maintain database of individual foreign customers visiting the exhibitions. Such details are maintained by the respective exporters participating in the exhibitions.

(d) and (e) NSIC does not maintain details of number of foreign customers that visited the exhibitions. Number of foreign delegations that visited the exhibitions and the estimated value of export enquiries generated in the exhibitions during the last three years and the current year are as under:

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07 (upto Nov, 2006)
No. of foreign delegations	20	29	13	29
Approximate value of export enquiries (Rs. crore)	600	604	575	585